

February 4, 2003

Federal Communications Commission
Commission Secretary, Marlene Dortch
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, D.C. 20554
Re: Proceeding 03-16

Dear: Ms. Dortch

I am writing in support of SBC Ameritech Michigan's entry into long distance in Michigan.

It is clear to all living and working in Michigan that the local market is wide open to competition. Competition has tripled since 2000 according to the MPSC Market Conditions report. Price competition for local service is saving Michigan consumer's money. I believe Michigan residents should have the same benefits for long distance competition and have a choice for one stop shopping.

I support SBC's application to compete for long distance in Michigan because all telephone companies should be able to compete for all customers. Other states already are experiencing full competition and consumers are cashing in on the competitive offers. Increased competition in Michigan will bring higher quality and more innovative products and services that save consumers money.

SBC has maintained a high level of commitment to the state of Michigan and continues investing in its employees and its Michigan infrastructure. At a time when the economy is faltering, it's important to support local businesses and support their investments in Michigan.

I encourage the FCC to support SBC's 271 long distance application and look forward to your approval.

Sincerely,

Joanne Voorhees
State Representative
77th District